



Memorandum

TO: ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE
COMMITTEE

FROM: Erica Garcia

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2003 YOUTH
COMMISSION MONTHLY REPORT

DATE: 02-14-03

Approved

Date

JANUARY 2003 YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Jessica Nguyen called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Present: Melissa Shih, Natasha Ogunnupe, Polo Black Golde, Erica Garcia (arrived at 6:50 p.m), Rachel Babcock, Timothy Tom, Sean Deleev, and Michael Antonopoulos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approved the meeting Synopsis of December 16, 2002.
(M/S/C) Timothy Tom, Rachel Babcock Approved

CORRESPONDENCE

A. INCOMING

- Office on Child Care

B. OUTGOING:

None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Ken Yeager was absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A staff person from the organization First Five addressed the Commissioners and introduced an initiative that the organization is currently offering the community. They would like to have high school students volunteer with their neighborhood based Community Center Mobile Unit, to assist children with arts and crafts while their parents are at the center.
- Mayor's Assistant Chad Payne addressed the Commissioners and encouraged them to attend the upcoming Mayor's State of the City Address on February 5, 2003 at the Center for Performing Arts to commence at 5:30 p.m. Chad also spoke about a letter the Mayor's Office received from San Francisco, from Mayor Brown, regarding their 36th annual Youth Games. He asked them to discuss and think about the event and if they would want to participate.

- Staff from the San Jose Sports Authority addressed the Commissioners and invited them to attend the “Titans Games” which will take place from February 13-15, 2003. They said that this will be a unique event as the sports authority in conjunction with the United States Olympic Committee are putting this event on and there will be international Olympic hopefuls participating in the games. They distributed flyers and asked if they would be interested in attending as they had tickets to donate.
- Gary Okazaki, Superintendent of Recreation from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, addressed the Commissioners and gave them an update on Council District Three Roosevelt Park Masterplan. He asked for their feedback on the proposed location of the three new skateparks locations: Tamien, Roosevelt, and Watson, and their thoughts of having a roller hockey rink behind the new Community Center, and what they would like to see in the new Community Center. He mentioned that a program survey was being distributed in the Roosevelt community and asked them if they would be interested in helping to distribute them.
- Queen Ann Cannon, staff person from the Anti-Tobacco Program in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, addressed the Commissioners and introduced herself to them as she will be their chaperone to the Annual Crime Prevention Conference in Anaheim, California on February 15-18, 2003 and the National League of Cities Retreat/Training in Sacramento, California on February 8-11, 2003.
- A staff person from Resources for Families and Communities addressed the Commissioners and spoke about their upcoming annual Multicultural Conference and Festival and invited them to attend. She said that they are interested in receiving input from the Youth Commission and would like them to be involved with the planning committee. The Festival is scheduled to take place on May 24 and 25, 2003 at the San Jose History Park next to Kelly Park. The Conference is scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2003.

Upon motion by Commissioner Black Golde and seconded by Commissioner Shih, the Commissioners accepted to agendaize the return of Resources for Families and Communities to receive feedback and support from the Youth Commission to the next meeting.

2002/2003 WORKPLAN

- District 1: Commissioner Shih reported that she attended the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting where they passed the naming of Rosemary Park. She mentioned that she met with the Chairperson from the Senior Citizen Commission and discussed having the Youth Commissioners assist seniors in areas they require help. She said that her Youth Advisory Council will meet at the Moreland West Community Center for their regular meetings and that she has begun recruiting for her Youth Advisory Council.
- District 2: Commissioner Ogunnupe reported that she has sent recruitment letters to school principals in her district for her Youth Advisory Council.
- District 3: Commissioner Berger was absent.
- District 4: Commissioner Deleev reported that she is getting prepared to recruit for her Youth Advisory Council and that she had not met with the current Youth Advisory Council but will meet with them in the near future.
- District 5: Commissioner Cortez was absent.

- District 6: Commissioner Black Golde reported that he met with Councilmember Yeager and that he has begun to recruit for his Youth Advisory Council.
- District 7: Commissioner Garcia reported that she met with her Youth Specialist on January 14, 2002 at the Fair community center so that they could become familiar with each other and to discuss issues and concerns pertaining to the community center. She spoke of reviewing the age limit and bringing it up to the age of 19. Currently the age limit is 17, but there is an issue with siblings that are older hanging out in the parking lot. It would be better to allow them inside where there is adult supervision.
- District 8: Commissioner Nguyen reported that she would meet with Councilmember Cortese on Wednesday, January 29, 2003. She said that "Movie Night" at Evergreen Community Center was a success.
- District 9: Commissioner Babcock reported that on December 18, 2002 she attended her Youth Advisory Council meeting where they planned to have a Citywide High School dance in the month of March or April. She will meet with her Public Ally representative Liz Rupp and begin planning for the annual Youth Commission Rally; a tentative date has been set for September 27, 2003.
- District 10: Commissioner Tom reported on a training that he attended with Public Allies and the diverse issues that were considered. He is currently working with his Public Ally representative on his assignment timeline. He discussed three main assets that would be good to consider to govern their work plan: 1) Sense of purpose, 2) Positive cultural identity, and 3) youth programs.
Upon motion by Commissioner Tom and seconded by Commissioner Black Golde, the Commissioners accepted to agendize the three main assets to govern their work plan to the next meeting.
- Citywide: Commissioner Antonopoulos reported that he met with his Public Allies representative to plan and strategize his web site project and other assignments.

NEW BUSINESS

- Redevelopment Agency Presentation
Jim Shutz from the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) gave a brief background of himself and gave an informational slide presentation of what the RDA does. He explained how the RDA has a real specific focus. They work in the areas that are in need of the most help, for example areas that are starting to run down and fix them through a number of ways. They try to enhance the quality of life in the community by working in blighted areas; they do that through spending tax increment money. Other projects would include revitalizing downtown neighborhoods, building affordable housing, and restoring historic buildings. Over time, they have spent most of their money on public facilities, i.e. the Tech Museum, the Convention Center, and the Repertory Theater. Now the majority of the funds are going to neighborhood improvements known as the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative. He told the Commissioners to feel free to contact him for any information or for an update presentation in the future.

- Youth Commission Amendment to Bylaws
Public Allies staff person Ernest Azevedo distributed and reviewed a memo addressed to the Youth Commission that listed additional responsibilities to the 1st Vice Chair to be amended into the bylaws. There was also discussion about amending two new positions into the Youth Commission bylaws (Community Affairs Officer and Media and Public Relations Officer) and adding two more commissioners to fulfill these positions.
Upon motion by Commissioner Ogunuppe and seconded by Commissioner Shih, the Commissioners accepted the additional responsibilities to the 1st Vice Chair.

Upon motion by Commissioner Shih and seconded by Commissioner Babcock, the Commissioners accepted the positions of Community Affairs Officer and Media and Public Relations Officer into the bylaws.

Upon motion by Commissioner Shih and seconded by Commissioner Babcock, the Commissioners accepted to fill the Community Affairs, and Media and Public Relations Officer positions in house.

Nominations for the Community Affairs Officer were taken; Commissioner Antonopoulos was nominated.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ogunnuppe and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, the Commissioners accepted to close the votes. Commissioner Antonopoulos was elected as the Community Affairs Officer.

Nominations for the Media and Public Relations Officers were taken; Commissioners Ogunnuppe and Shih were nominated.

Upon motion by Commissioner Black Golde and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, the commissioners accepted to close the votes. Commissioner Shih was elected as the Media and Public Affairs Officer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Youth Leadership Development Initiative
Staff person Neil Rufino explained and distributed a community youth needs assessment survey from the Community Crime Prevention Associates. He asked the Youth Commissioners to fill them out and then he collected them. He further explained that the information from these surveys would be used to determine the types of programs and priority issues to address this fiscal year.

STAFF REPORTS

- Ron Soto was unable to attend.
- Sara Hensley was unable to attend.
- Hewitt Joyner asked that the Youth Commission agendaize Recognition of the 2002-03 Anti-Tobacco Poster Winners.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tom and seconded by Commissioner Shih, the Commissioners accepted to agendaize the Recognition of the 2002-03 Poster Contest Winners at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Erica Garcia, Chairperson
San José Youth Commission